

SENATE BILL 1851  
By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, relative to services provided to the mentally ill.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 6, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 33-6-108.

(a) The commissioner is authorized to create and administer a pool of funds that will be used to make special payments to service providers outside the capitation payments made by TennCare behavioral health organizations. These payments will assist in covering a portion of the costs incurred for providing behavioral health services to those who remain medically indigent.

(b) The formula to be used in distributing the pool of dollars shall be jointly recommended by the commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities and the commissioner of finance and administration and shall be approved by the comptroller of the treasury.

(c) This act and the pool created shall be subject to annual appropriations in the annual appropriations act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law for purposes of rulemaking and for all other purposes it shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.